

REMARKS

1. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1 - 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vaidyanathan et al (2004/0059596) (hereinafter "Vaidyanathan") in view of Campbell (2001/0041993) (hereinafter "Campbell").

2. Response to § 103 Rejections

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons set out below, and ask the Examiner for reconsideration.

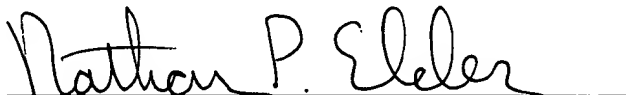
Applicants submit that claims 1 - 20 are patentable over Vaidyanathan, whether considered separately or in combination with Campbell, because Vaidyanathan is not prior art with respect to the above identified application. The Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 is submitted herewith, which demonstrates an invention date earlier than the effective date of February 15, 2000.

3. Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP



Nathan Elder
Reg. No. 55,150

Dated: November 8, 2004

12400 Wilshire Blvd.
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026
(408) 947-8200